

HEALTH SERVICES OFFICERS - RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Foreword and Acknowledgments

This is the third edition of the Resource Directory for Health Services Officers (HSOs). The information will assist you in planning your Public Health Service (PHS) career as an HSO as well as inform you of the benefits that are yours as a result of being a Commissioned Officer. It will also give you an appreciation of the history of the category and the role and responsibilities of HSOs and the Health Services Professional Advisory Committee (HS-PAC).

I want to acknowledge the members of the HS-PAC who served from 1992 to 1994 and produced the first edition of this directory in April 1994 under the direction of CAPT Raymond L. Clark. Their foresight and interest were the seeds of the first directory. The second edition of the directory was produced in January 1996 during the term of HS-PAC Chair CAPT Linda Morris Brown. This third edition has been produced in the spirit of continual growth and improvement. I would like to thank CDR Margaret McDowell, Communications Subcommittee chair and HS-PAC chair elect, under whose guidance this third edition has been published. Special thanks to CAPT Frank Behan and LCDR Cheryl Wiseman of the Division of Commissioned Personnel for their review of information on the Commissioned Corps personnel system, the Division of Commissioned Personnel, and PHS and non-PHS agencies.

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The Directory has been reviewed by the Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and, to the best of our knowledge, contains the latest and most accurate information available. The HSO Internet Home Page at: <http://www.ihs.gov/Healthcare/PHS/hso/index.asp> includes extensive information about the category, the HS-PAC, and current events. The home page is linked to sites within the USPHS. If there are areas that you feel should be included in a future update of the directory, please let me know.

I hope you find this directory useful. Thank you for your service as an HSO and the valuable contributions you make to the health of the citizens of this country.

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